TRICARE Early Eligibility (EE) Process: To qualify and document Soldiers in receipt of valid alert or mobilization orders for early eligibility for TRICARE benefits

Point of Contact

Division: Personnel Division (ARNG-HRP)

Description

Soldiers in receipt of valid mobilization orders are eligible for military health benefits under the TRICARE Early Eligibility Program. TRICARE Early Eligibility applies to Soldiers as well as eligible dependents up to 180 days prior to mobilization. Members of the National Guard and Reserve and their family members are eligible for different TRICARE benefits when on military duty for more than 30 days. The TRICARE Early Eligibility Process will document the steps to enroll Soldiers into the TRICARE system and a high level overview for correcting data discrepancy issues.

Regulations and Supporting Resources

ARP Memorandum of Instruction (MOI)

DOD Instruction 7730-54

DOD/DA Memorandums

Guard and Reserve Web Portal (Verifying Eligibility)

Reserve Affairs, Taking Care of America's Armed Forces Families

TRICARE Choices for the National Guard and Reserve

TRICARE Early Eligibility Factsheet

TRICARE Website

TRICARE Whitepaper

Documents and Forms

N/A

Related Processes

TRICARE Problem Resolution Process

To resolve administrative problems in TRICARE

TRICARE Reserve Select Process

To enroll Soldiers in the TRS health plan

Systems

<u>Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS)</u>

DEERS is a database that maintains personnel and benefits information for Active, retired, and reserve uniformed service personnel, eligible family members of active, retired, and reserve uniformed service personnel, DoD civil service personnel and DoD contractors requiring logical access.

Early Eligibility for Medical Benefits Database

System used by ARP-DA to update Soldier's information for TRICARE Early Eligibility.

Guard Knowledge Online (GKO) Application

Online portal to access Guard specific resources.

Personnel Finance Database (PFD)

The Real-time Automated Personnel Identification System (RAPIDS)

RAPIDS is the online application used to input and obtain data from DEERS in order to procure a CAC.

Standard Installation / Division Personnel System (SIDPERS)

Army personnel database used to store Soldier data.

Total Army Personnel Database-Guard (TAPDB-G)

The Army's official data base which serves as the Army official repository for US Total Army Personnel Command (USTA PERSCOM), US Army Reserve Personnel Command (USARPERCEN), and the National Guard Bureau (NGB).

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